



# Let's Talk About Blood...

## Soul-Saving Blood!

*What can wash away my sins? ... Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

What exactly happened on that cross almost 2,000 years ago? Jesus shed His blood and paid for the sins of all mankind. Let's talk about blood. The Blood of Jesus.

When we turn back to the Old Testament of the Bible, we see that after sin entered into the world, God required the blood sacrifice of animals for the atonement of sins...

Leviticus 17:11, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Leviticus 4:3-5, "If the priest that is anointed do sin... then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering... he shall... lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation."

But the blood of animals still couldn't suffice. The Israelites were still unfaithful to their God as evidenced by their whoring after other gods. A better sacrifice was needed...

Hebrews 10:4, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

God promised His people, i.e., the Jewish people, a new covenant about 600 years before the coming of Christ. We will see that this covenant would also require blood.

Jeremiah 31:31, "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah."

Jeremiah 31:34, "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the

LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

In the Bible, we have the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures) and the New Testament. Both were ushered in by blood. The Old Testament came by the blood of animals. The New Testament by the blood of Jesus Christ.

## Old Testament

Exodus 24:8, "And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words."

Hebrews 9:18-20, "Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you."

## New Testament

Matthew 26:28, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." —*Jesus Christ*

The animal sacrifices of the Old Testament were only a picture of the ultimate sacrifice. When Jesus Christ went to the cross almost 2,000 years ago, He was the ULTIMATE sacrifice. A brutal and bloody sacrifice indeed...

- His skin was whipped off (Psalm 22:17),
- His beard was torn out of his cheeks (Isaiah 50:6),
- They spit in His face (Matthew 26:67),
- His head pierced with thorns (Mark 15:17),
- His face beaten to a pulp. He was unrecognizable. The Bible says that Jesus' face was more marred than ANY man (Matthew 26:67; Isaiah 52:14; Mark 14:65),
- His hands and feet were nailed through with spikes (John 20:25; Colossians 2:14),
- His side pierced with a spear after He died (John 19:34).

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, completely abolished the system of animal sacrifice forever. The animal sacrifices of the Old Testament were only a picture, a figure, of the true sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Their blood was only a figure of the true blood that would be shed thousands of years later on a cross outside the city of Jerusalem. The animal sacrifices were...

Hebrews 9:9, ...a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience...

9:11, But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

9:12, Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

9:13, For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

9:14, How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The blood of animals had to be shed over and over but the blood of Jesus was shed only one time. The Catholic religion does not understand this and contends that the blood is shed over and over again in the mass, but the Bible says something different:

Hebrews 10:12, ...after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

Hebrews 7:27 ...this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Hebrews 9:28 ...Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many...

Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

The blood of Jesus is powerful. It is a saving, healing blood. Look at what the blood has done:

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<p><b>The blood pays for our sins so we don't go to Hell.</b></p>	<p>Matthew 26:28, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many <u>for the remission of sins.</u>"</p>
<p><b>The blood bought us.</b></p>	<p>Acts 20:28, "...feed the church of God, which he hath <u>purchased with his own blood.</u>"</p> <p>1st Corinthians 6:20, 7:23, "...ye are bought with a price..."</p>
<p><b>The blood justifies us before a holy God.</b></p>	<p>Romans 5:9, "Much more then, being now <u>justified by his blood,</u> we shall be saved from wrath through him."</p>
<p><b>The blood redeems us.</b></p>	<p>Ephesians 1:7, "In whom we have <u>redemption through his blood,</u> the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."</p> <p>Colossians 1:14, "In whom we have <u>redemption through his blood,</u> even the forgiveness of sins."</p> <p>Hebrews 9:12, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but <u>by his own blood</u> he entered in once into the holy place, having <u>obtained eternal redemption for us.</u>"</p>
<p><b>The blood brought us Gentiles into a relationship with God that we didn't have before.</b></p>	<p>Ephesians 2:11-16, "... ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh ...without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."</p> <p>But now in Christ Jesus <u>ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.</u></p> <p>For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and <u>hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;</u></p> <p><u>Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making</u></p>

	<p><u>peace</u>;</p> <p>And that he might <u>reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.</u>"</p>
<p>The blood brought Jew and Gentile (regardless of race or nationality) into a right relationship with God.</p>	<p>Revelation 5:9, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and <u>hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.</u>"</p>
<p>The blood brought peace.</p>	<p>Colossians 1:20, "And, having <u>made peace through the blood of his cross</u>, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."</p>
<p>The blood purges our consciences from dead works.</p>	<p>Hebrews 9:14, "How much more shall <u>the blood of Christ</u>, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, <u>purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?</u>"</p>
<p>The blood lets us enter into the holiest place before the throne of God.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:19, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to <u>enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.</u>"</p>
<p>The blood forges an everlasting covenant between the believer and God.</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:20, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, <u>through the blood of the everlasting covenant.</u>"</p>

<b>The blood sanctifies us.</b>	Hebrews 10:29, "...the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified..."
<b>The blood cleanses us from all sin.</b>	1st John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and <u>the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.</u> "
<b>The blood washes away our sins.</b>	Revelation 1:5, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and <u>washed us from our sins in his own blood.</u> "
<b>The blood causes us to overcome this old wicked world.</b>	Revelation 12:11, "And they <u>overcame him by the blood of the Lamb</u> , and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Be washed in that cleansing, crimson tide. The blood of Jesus.

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**How to be Saved**